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C O N F I D E N T I A L NAIROBI 3348

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAIR, KE

SUBJECT: KENYAN DESIRE FOR LOWER AIR FARES FROM U.S.

REF: NAIROBI 0194

1. GOK MINISTRY OF POWER AND COMMUNICATIONS(MOPC) DEPUTY SECRETARY SHITAKA DISCUSSED STATUS OF GOK-PANAM TALKS WITH EMBOFF. SHITAKA EXPRESSED SOME CONFUSION AND CONCERN OVER NEXT STEP SINCE PANAM AREA MANAGER TOLD HIM FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS HAD TO TAKE PLACE ON A GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT BASIS. THIS APPEARS TO CONTRADICT ADVISE BASED ON 77 STATE 310177 GIVEN TO SHITAKHA BY EMBASSY. SHITAKHA SAID HE FELT PANAM WAS NOT THRILLED WITH THE IDEA OF LOWER FARES BUT HE HAD ORIGINALLY BELIEVZD AN ACCOMODATION WAS POSSIBLE. NOW HE BELIEVES PANAM IS WAFFLING AND TRYING TO AVOID MAKING A DECISION ITSELF.

2. PANAM AREA MANAGER SUCCHI CONFIRMZD THAT HE HAD TOLD SHITAKHA NEXT STEP MUST BE GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT NEGOTIATIONS. HE TOLD EMBOFF THAT IATA REVPEW OF PROPOSED FARES NORMALLY INITIATED BY INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS. WHEN EMBOFF EXPRESSED SURPRISE SINCE THIS SEEMED CONTRART TO INFORMATION CONTAINED IN 77 STATE 310177, SUCCHI SAID INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION NECESSITATED GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE.

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3. SHITAKHA SAID HE AND OTHER MOPC OFFICIALS ARE PLANNING A LATE MARCH VISIT TO WASHINGTON TO PURSUE MATTER. HE SAID LETTER HAD BEEN WRITTEN KENYAN AMBASSADOR TO U.S. REQUESTING HIS ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING VISIT. MOPC GROUP HOPES TO TALK TO DEPARTMENT AND CAB PLUS APPROPRIATE PANAM OFFICIALS.

4. SHITAKHA EXPRESSED HOPE THET MATTER COULD BE RESOLVED

WITHOUT NECESSITY OF VISIT THE U.S. BUT SAID ATTITUDE OF
PANAM SEEMS TO MAKE TRIP NECESSARY. AT SHITAKHA'S URGING,
EMBOFF AGREED TO REQUEST DEPARTMENT CLARIFY STEPS TO BE TAKEN BY
WHOM IN VARIOUS STAGES OF SUCH FARE NEGOTIATIONS. EMBASSY FRANKLY IS
ALSO CONFUSED OVER APPARENT CONTRADICTIONS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION
PER PARA 4 AND INITIAL DEPARTMENT REACTION TO PROPOSED VISIT BY
MOPC OFFICIALS.BLANE

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